

Introduced by Senator Florez

February 20, 2003

An act relating to highways.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 406, as introduced, Florez. Highway signs: Amber Alert System: electronic highway signs: maintenance.

Existing law requires a law enforcement agency to request activation of an Emergency Alert System, known as the Amber Alert System, within the appropriate local area, if (1) the agency is informed of the abduction of either a child 17 years of age or younger or an individual with a proven mental or physical disability, (2) the agency determines the victim is in imminent danger of serious bodily injury or death, and (3) there is information available that, if disseminated to the general public, would assist with the safe recovery of the victim.

This bill would require the Department of Transportation to establish and maintain a program for the maintenance of the electronic highways signs used by the Amber Alert System, within the extent of the department's existing resources. The bill would require the department, to the extent that the maintenance program is not fully implemented, to notify the Joint Committee on Legislative Budget within 24 hours, and would require the department to submit an annual report to the Assembly and Senate budget subcommittees on transportation regarding its ability to meet these requirements.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The Department of Transportation shall
2 establish and maintain a regular maintenance program for the
3 electronic highways signs used by the Emergency Alert System set
4 forth in Section 8594 of the Government Code, also known as the
5 Amber Alert System, within the extent of the department's
6 existing resources.
- 7 (b) To the extent that the maintenance program is not fully
8 implemented, the department shall notify the Joint Committee on
9 Legislative Budget within 24 hours.
- 10 (c) The department shall submit an annual report to the
11 Assembly and Senate budget subcommittees on transportation,
12 regarding its ability to meet its requirements under this section.
13 The annual report shall include information about staffing levels,
14 training offered, and the average number of hours allocated per
15 maintenance need for each location.

